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Subject: RE: San Jacinto Site CAC Mtg. Agenda
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We have not heard about this effort from anyone yet in the Region Office. This item came up early last year and various health agencies personnel started looking into it with no apparent outcomes.

However, we can add it to this meeting's agenda. I'll figure out where to work in if you want to discuss the new information below.

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At a hearing held in the State Court litigation on December 18, 2102 Hon. Caroline Baker directed the parties to meet and discuss a plan to insure that there will be increased efforts to inform the public of the dangers of eating fish taken in recreational and commercial fishing that continues to take place in the area despite the TDPH consumption advisories. Subsequently the court was presented with the attached public awareness plan and the Judge again urged the parties to meet.

The parties met on January 9, 2012 and it was agreed that the CAC should be made aware of the ongoing efforts to increase public awareness. In addition, our counsel contacted EPA Legal in Dallas and Harris County was given permission the go ahead to move forward with the plan. It is anticipated that the EPA will endorse the plan in writing in the next few days.

Great progress has been made in the area of community awareness by the members of the CAC however in the absence of solid evidence of the involvement of commercial fishing diverted attention from the impact that dioxin contamination entering our community via commercially harvested fish was not really explored. That evidence has surfaced and there is now little doubt that commercially caught

fish taken from the contaminated areas near the waste pits are being consumed.

I would very much like to bring this matter to the attention of the CAC at the earliest convenience however I refrained disseminating these plans until you were made aware of what is being done and at what levels. Is it too late to add this to our agenda so that the CAC group can have an opportunity to be made aware of what is going on?

Regards,

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To follow up an earlier e-mail, the January San Jacinto River Waste Pits Community Awareness Committee meeting will be held...9:30 am, Thursday, 1/24/13, at the Harris County Pollution Control Services offices. Bob Allen and his team will host us.

The Call - In Number is: (713) 220 3499 #1017506.

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